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Wetlands Protection Committee Minutes 01/08/2015

Town of Wellesley
Wetlands Protection Committee
Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2015

Approved 02/12/2015

Meeting Location: NRC Office, Lower Level, Town Hall
525 Washington Street
Wellesley, MA 02482

Present: Members Robert Collins (Chair), Richard Howell, Carl Sciple, and Wellesley
Wetlands Administrator Pam Helinek

Guests: Mark Snyder, Bill Foley, Verne Porter, Dave Hickey, Peter Jackson, Kevin Sullivan,
Paul Bibbo, James DePaolo, Scott Morrison

6:30 pm **Public Voice**

There was no one present for Public Voice.

Administrative Business

- *Certificate of Compliance Request (full) – 2 Ledgesways, MassDEP # 324-0436* – M. Snyder was present. There was a site visit on 1/6. There is a decrease in impervious within the Buffer Zone (BZ) due to reducing the patio. **C. Sciple made and R. Howell seconded a motion to issue a full Certificate of Compliance; the Wetlands Protection Committee (WPC) voted 3-0 to issue the Certificate of Compliance.**
- Update: John Rockwood invoice – The Fuller Brook has requested the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to pay the outstanding invoice. **C. Sciple made and R. Howell seconded a motion to cover the additional \$1000 invoice provided the \$2950 invoice is paid; the WPC voted 3-0 to approve payment of the \$1000 invoice provided the \$2950 invoice is paid.**
- Update: 20 Manor Avenue – The abutter and developer have reached an agreement. The abutters need to be re-notified for an Amended NOI hearing to be opened.
- Discussion: Wellesley College Boathouse, Dewatering Plan – The site visit was postponed to a future date.

Public Hearings – New and Continued

7:00 pm **Squirrel Road Lights – Request for Determination of Applicability (RDA)**

Supporting documents include

- Plan: Squirrel Road, prepared by the Town of Wellesley Municipal Light Plan, scale: 1 inch = 40 feet, dated 12/22/2014

K. Sullivan, Wellesley Municipal Light Plant, was present.

There was a site visit on 1/6.

A resident has requested streetlights along an unlit stretch of a scenic road in the Riverfront Area. The proposed two streetlights will be fed by overhead wire. There will be no tree trimming. There will be minimal excavation for the poles, which will be placed six-feet deep. The fill will be spread along the edge of the road; it won't be moved into the wetland.

R. Howell made and C. Sciple seconded a motion for a negative determination; the WPC voted 3-0 to make a negative determination.

7:15 pm 78 Benvenue Avenue (Tenacre School) – Notice of Intent (NOI), MassDEP # 324-0772

Supporting documents include

- NOI and supporting documents, prepared by EcoTec, dated 12/19/2014, stamped received by the NRC 12/19/2014

V. Porter, PLS; S. Morrison, EcoTec; and B. Foley, representing Tenacre School, were present.

There was a site visit on 1/6.

The school is proposing to construct an addition to the existing Science Building. Drainage will be for the entire roof surface, which will be infiltrated into the ground. The foundation will be a frost wall and crawl space; there will be minimal excavation and no significant regrading.

The increase in impervious will be approximately 42 by 50: about 2000 sq. ft.

There will be a silt fence.

Standard conditions will apply.

C. Sciple made and R. Howell seconded a motion to close and issue the Order; the WPC voted 3-0 to close and issue the Order.

7:24 pm 17 Garden Road - RDA

J. DePaolo, the Developer was present.

There was a site visit on 1/6.

The existing hay bales were put in about 45 days ago. The Resource Area is an intermittent stream.

The stockpile will be stone, not dirt. The WPC would prefer a filter mitt sock around the stockpile rather

than hay bales; the existing hay bales can stay in place.

The WPC is requesting the Developer to contact the WPC if additional dewatering is necessary.

There may need to be an NOI for tree removal and clean up in the BZ.

R. Howell made and C. Sciple seconded a motion for a negative determination; the WPC voted 3-0 to make a negative determination.

7:50 Fuller Brook Park, MassDEP # 324-0708

D. Hickey, representing the DPW, and P. Jackson were present.

The timing of the original dewatering plan has changed and will impact use of the playing field.

The contractor is proposing a temporary dam, redirecting the water through an existing swale on the east side of the pond. A second dam structure will be placed at the outlet of the pond, so the water cannot flow back into the pond. Sump pumps are proposed within the pond as well.

There will be a silt curtain around the edges. A sedimentation barrier may be erected on the north end of the pond to protect the Bordering Vegetated Wetland (BVW).

Excavators and trucks will remove materials.

One or two check dams are proposed along the relocated stream to reduce velocity.

There is a restriction on working in the pond from 3/15 to 6/15 in order to protect spawning. A concern was raised by the WPC over possible amphibian spawning.

Excavation equipment would go in the gravel parking lot; a temporary road may have to be built for moving equipment.

There was additional discussion on whether the dewatering would impact amphibian spawning; there was a question whether some level of water could be maintained during the spawning period.

There is also a proposal to identify some areas of the pond with overhanging shrubs and trees: dredging won't be done all the way to the edge in identified areas in order to protect the shrubs and trees.

8:35 57 Parker Road – NOI, MassDEP # 324-0771 (Continued)

P. Bibbo, the Property Owner, was present; D. Simonelli could not be present.

The WPC reviewed concerns with the Property Owner about cutting a healthy tree for the fire pit and turning a natural area into impervious surfaces and lawn.

Administrative Business (Continued)

- *Update: New Committee Member* – Possible candidates have been contacted; the WPC will continue to identify candidates.
- *Update: Wellesley Bylaw Regulations* – J. Rockwood is working on a framework and has made

suggestions on bylaws of neighboring towns to review.

- *Discussion: Encroachment/Wetlands violations (Lexington Road, Springdale Avenue)* –There may be encroachment issues at 10, 14 and 15 Lexington.
- *Update: 27 Wingate Road* – The NOI has not been filed. The developer has submitted a planting plan, which Cricket Vlass has approved. The Property Owner will be notified that the NOI has to be submitted by 1/15 to be on the agenda for the next WPC meeting.

Adjournment

C. Sciple made and R. Howell seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting; the WPC voted 3-0 to approve the motion.